

# NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERVISORS 2009/2010

Matches are played on two (2) courts and commence no later than 8:30am and 10:30am. If two (2) sets of either doubles or singles **have not commenced within ten (10) minutes** of the scheduled start, then the team not ready to play **will forfeit all sets not completed** by the appointed finishing time. A note to this effect must be made on the scoresheet and signed by both supervisors.

It is not necessary for the doubles sets to be played first.

## **FINISH TIME:**

Matches will finish at 10:30am or 12:30pm depending upon the allocated time or such other time as agreed to by both supervisors if courts are available.

## **HIT UPS:**

A three (3) minute warm up is allowed. Adherence to this rule will avoid incomplete sets later. Juniors should hit up before their 8:30am or 10:30am scheduled start time if there are vacant courts.

## **MATCH FORMAT:**

- **Junior Boys Divisions 1 to 7 and Junior Girls Divisions 1 to 4:** each player plays one (1) 6 game set of doubles and one (1) 6 game set of singles, tiebreak at 5 all.
- **Junior Boys Divisions 8 to 12 and Junior Girls Divisions 5 to 9:** each player plays one (1) 6 game set of doubles and one (1) 6 game set of singles, first to six games wins the set.
- **Girls Div 10 and Boys Div 13 (Hot Shots [Beginner Divisions](#))** Games are to be 'sudden death' at [deuce](#). All players must serve from the baseline and can serve either over-arm or bounce serve. Parent supervision is aimed at helping players develop throughout the season. Support from Junior Activities Committee and Club Junior Coordinators is available as required. Each player plays one single and one double, first to 6 games.
- No finals will be played, the minor premiers will be awarded the premiership title in Boys Divs 12 & 13 and Girls Divs 9 & 10

## **MATCH CONTROL:**

As supervisor you should organise the match, keep control of the team, and encourage fair play. Players and spectators are under the control of the supervisors. Supervisors must ensure that spectators and resting players do not interfere with play.

No one other than the players, umpire where requested and the supervisors are allowed on the court. One umpire/supervisor only per court. All resting players and spectators must remain outside the court.

All decisions for line calls must be made by the players or umpire, without any external influence.

Should a problem or dispute arise, supervisors, after conferring should act promptly to resolve the dispute, or take disciplinary action. Any problem which cannot be resolved on the spot should be referred to the Junior Activities Committee, via a written submission on the back of the scoresheet in the first instance, and then by letter to the Junior Chairperson if required.

## **SCORESHEET:**

Encourage a team member to write out the scoresheet each week. Both First & Surname of every player **MUST** be filled in. Check that the scoresheet is completed and is signed by both captains and supervisors at the end of the match.

## **UMPIRING:**

Players shall umpire their own match, unless players cannot manage the calls or score without obvious delay. That umpire will be selected by mutual agreement between both supervisors and should then only arbitrate on any disputed calls by either player (rather than calling all points).

## **SCORING:**

If the score in any match is disputed by any on court player, the match will be continued at the last agreed score. The supervisor will keep score (not umpire, unless requested) for the remainder of the match.

## **BALLS:**

Home teams are to provide four (4) balls. New balls are to be provided for Junior Division 1 matches. All other divisions are to use new balls or good balls with visible brands.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & FILL-INS:**

Players 17 and under, as at 30-09-2009, are eligible to play.

**Beginner Divisions - lowest (G10 & B13):** Players must be 9&U as at 30/9/09 with no previous match experience to be eligible to commence playing Saturday Morning Junior Tennis if they have achieved the skills as per the *Beginners Skills Checklist*.

**Beginner Divisions – second lowest (G9 & B12):** Players must be 11&U as at 30/9/09 with only one season previous match experience

Players can play for different teams **in both the 8:30 and 10:30 timeslots** in an 'emergency', but cannot play for more than one club in the HTA Junior competition without written consent of the Association Permit Committee. The player must maintain the club and team 'order of merit'

## **RULES:**

The rules governing play are documented in the Hills Tennis Association "Junior Rules of Match and Play" document. **A copy is to be available for each team's use.**

## **ILLNESS:**

In the event of a player being unable to commence or complete a set due to illness:-

- The supervisors and players must reach agreement on stopping or delaying the set. The exact scores should be recorded.
- The order of play may be altered, but not player position.
- A delayed set must be recommenced from the exact score at which stopped.
- Any set not recommenced by 10:15am or 12:15pm is automatically forfeited.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT:**

In the first two weeks, supervisors are asked to talk to both teams together prior to the match about the CODE OF CONDUCT expected of all players.

**One warning only will be given** if a player or parent engages in any of the following behaviour

- Bad language (directed at self or others)
- Racquet abuse (throwing or hitting net, fences, etc)
- Yelling or screaming at themselves or others, so that it is clearly audible and distracting.
- Constant dispute of line calls
- Ball abuse (hitting out of court, into fences, and not directly returning balls to opponent)
- External interference by parents or spectators

**A second offence of ANY sort will result in immediate forfeiture of the set.**

**Remember the objective is to generate an atmosphere in which our children enjoy the game and have fun while developing their tennis skills.**